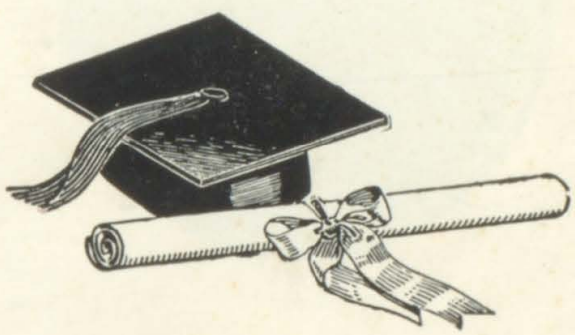


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We dedicate this 1954 issue of the Herald to the town of Windsor Locks in observance of its 100th anniversary.

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In sincere appreciation to all those who have worked with the Senior Class and the Herald Board in making this publication a success.

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"The most manifest sign of wisdom
is continued cheerfulness."

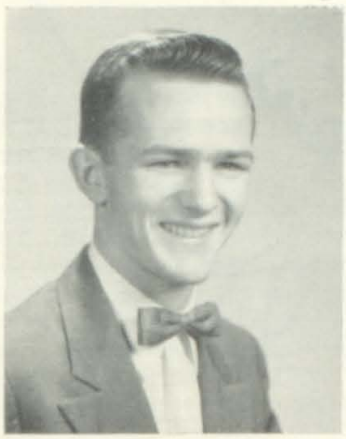


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General Course; Glee Club '51, '54; Rummage Sale Committee '51; Food Sale '51; Dramatic Club '51; Music Appreciation '51; Girls' Basketball Team '51; Decoration Committee, Freshman Prom '51; Cheerleading '53; Election Day Food Sale '54; Magazine Salesmanship Award '54; Annual Food Sale Committee '54; Magazine Committee '54; Christmas Card Committee '54; Senior Class Play '54; Class Night Exercises '54.

"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."



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General Course; Baseball '51, '52, '53, '54; Basketball '51, '52, '53, '54; Glee Club '51, '52, '53, '54; Band '52, '53, '54; Class President '53; Nutmeg Boys' State '53; Usher Class Night '53; Junior Marshal at Graduation '53; Election Day Food Sale Committee '54; Magazine Salesmanship Award '54; Sports Editor to the Herald '54; Senior Class Play '54; Business Board of the Herald '53; Athletic Association '54; Associate Editor of Press Club '53; Drill Team '51; Orchestra Committee for Junior Social '53; Class Night Exercises '54.

"Politeness goes far, yet costs nothing."



RONALD ALBERT CHRISTIAN

"RON"

General Course; Junior Social Ticket Committee '53; Magazine Sales Certificate Award '54; Magazine Sales Program '54; Boys' Glee Club '54; Budget Committee '54; Senior Class Play '54; Food Sale Committee '54; Class Night Exercises '54.

"There is no outward sign of courtesy that does not rest in a deep moral foundation."



ANN MARIE FISHER

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General Course; Fashion Show '51; Intramural Basketball '51; Glee Club '51, '52, '53, '54; Press Club '51, '52, '53, '54; Library Group '52, '54; Driver Education '53; Chairman, Junior Social Ticket Committee '53; Usherette, Class Night '53; Usherette Graduation '53; Associate Editor of Herald '54; Editor of Wilohi '54; Chairman, Sandwich Sale Committee '54; Chairman, Election Day Luncheon Committee '54; Thanksgiving Assembly '54; Third Prize Magazine Sale '54; Magazine Salesmanship Certificate '54; Advertising Committee for Class Play '54; Class Play '54; Motto Committee '54; Class Night Exercises '54.

"A light heart lives long."



MAUREEN THERESE FLANDERS

"MAUREEN"

General Course; Cheerleader '52; Co-captain '53; Captain '54; Glee Club '51; Intramural Basketball '51; Athletic Association Representative '53, '54; Pep Rally '52, '53, '54; Ticket Committee, Junior Social '53; Herald Business Board '53; Usherette Class Night '53; Usherette Graduation '53; Laurel Girls' State '53; Press Club '54; School Editor '54; Sandwich Sale Committee '54; Annual Class Food Sale Committee '54; Election Day Food Sale Committee '54; Ticket Committee, Class Play '54; Candy Committee, Class Play '54; Advertising Committee, Class Play '54; Senior Class Play '54; First Prize in Magazine Sales '54; Class Motto Committee '54; Class Night Exercises '54.

"Curiosity is one of the permanent and certain characteristics of a vigorous intellect."



DELORES MARIE FONTAINE

"SHORTY"

General Course; Sports Club '51, '52; Junior Social Ticket Committee '53; Glee Club '54; Pep Squad '54; Magazine Salesmanship Award '54; Magazine Sale Program '54; Sandwich Sale Committee '54; Food Sale Committee '54; Candy Committee for Senior Play '54; Prompter for Class Play '54; Usherette for Senior Play '54; Election Day Food Sale '54; Card Committee '54; Thanksgiving Day Assembly '53; Christmas Day Assembly '53; Class Night Exercises '54.

"Life without laughing is a dreary blank."



JOHN ROGER GILLIGAN

"JOHNNY"

General Course; Track '50; Football '52; Stage Committee, Class Play '54; Thanksgiving Assembly '54; Delivery Committee Class Food Sale '54; Magazine Sale '54; Class Night Exercises '54.

"Youth comes but once in a lifetime."



LYNN MARIE GONDEK

"LYNN"

General Course; Chorus '53, '54; Press Club '53, '54; Class Play Ticket Committee '54; Election Day Food Sale Committee '54; Senior Class Food Sale, Clean-up Committee '54; Card Committee '54; Class Play Properties '54; Library Group '53, '54; Intramural Basketball '51; Driver Training Course '53; Pep Squad '54; Magazine Sale '54; Senior Skit '54; Class Night Exercises '54.

"Honest, good humor is the oil and wine of a merry meeting."



JANET MARIE GRABIEC

"JAN"

Commercial Course; Glee Club '51, '52, '54; Easter Assembly '51; Usherette for Junior Prom '51; Intramural Basketball '51, '52; Sports' Club '52; Girls' Softball Team '52; Interclub Council Representative, Y-Teens '52; Decoration Committee Junior Prom '53; Typing Certificate '53; Shorthand Certificate '53; Laurel Girls' State Candidate '53; Driver Training Course '54; Pep Squad '54; Magazine Sale Committee '54; Magazine Skit '54; Magazine Salesmanship Award '54; Thanksgiving Assembly '54; Christmas Assembly '54; Sandwich Sale Committee '54; Election Day Food Sale '54; Class Secretary '54; Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Herald '54; Ticket Committee Senior Play '54; Candy Committee Senior Play '54; Usherette Senior Play '54; Prompter Senior Play '54; Class Night Exercises '54; Co-Valedictorian.

"Smiles are the language of love."



ROBERT WILLIAM KELSEY

"BOB"

College Course; Harvard Prize Book '53; Nutmeg Boys' State '53; Usher at Class Night '53; Usher at Graduation '53; Class President '54; General Manager Magazine Sale '54; Magazine Salesmanship Award '54; Business Manager Class Play '54; Advertisement Committee, Class Play '54; Ticket Committee, Class Play '54; Stage Committee, Class Play '54; Class Night Exercises '54; Third Honor Essay.

"Few are qualified to shine in company, but it is in most men's power to be agreeable."



STEPHEN HENRY KUCHARSKI

"STEVE"

College Course; Class Secretary '51; Vice-President '53; School Band '53, '54; Usher for Class Night '53; Usher for Graduation '53; Vice-President '54; Magazine Sale '54; Senior Class Play '54; Chorus '53, '54; Class Night Exercises '54.

"All great men are partially inspired."



ROBERT LEE MINCH

"BOB"

General Course; Class President '52; Class Treasurer '53; Usher for Class Night '53; Usher for Graduation '53; School Chorus '54; Magazine Sale '54; Election Day Food Sale Committee '54; Stage Committee for Senior Play '54; Usher for Senior Play '54; Class Night Exercises '54.

"The badge of honesty is simplicity."



JUDITH MARIE MORIN

"JUDY"

General Course; Glee Club '51, '52, '53, '54; Class Secretary '52; Athletic Association '53; Driver Training Course '53; Herald Business Board '53; Chairman, Gift Committee for Junior Social '53; Decoration Committee for Junior Social '53; Usherette for Class Night '53; Usherette for Graduation '53; Class Treasurer '54; Captain, Magazine Sale '54; Magazine Salesmanship Award '54; Magazine Skit '54; Thanksgiving Assembly '54; Library Group '54; Sandwich Sale Committee '54; Election Day Food Sale Committee '54; Press Club '54; Advertising Committee for Class Play '54; Senior Class Play '54; Class Editor for Herald '54; Committee for Class Motto '54; Pep Squad '54; Class Night Exercises '54.

"Happiness seems made to be shared."



NELSON LEO PERRY

"Nels"

College Course; Football '51; Track '51, '52; Allied Youth '52; Magazine Salesmanship Award '54; Magazine Skit '54; Advertising Committee Class Play '54; Ticket Committee Class Play '54; Election Day Food Sale '54; Class Night Exercises '54.

"Nothing succeeds so well as success."



JAMES RICHARD PESCI

"JIMMY"

College Course; Baseball '52, '53, '54; Basketball '52, '53, '54; Vice-President '52; Nutmeg Boys' State '53; Chairman Orchestra Committee, Junior Prom '53; Usher for Class Night '53; Usher for Graduation '53; Captain Winning Team, Magazine Sale '54; Magazine Salesmanship Award '54; Herald Business Board '53; Class Play, Senior '54; Food Sale '54; New York Trip '54; Class Night Exercises '54.

"As merry a soul as e'er trod on shoe leather."



JOYCE ESTHER QUAGLIAROLI

"JOYCE"

Commercial Course; Girls' Glee Club '51, '52; Chorus '54; Junior Social Refreshment Committee '53; Election Day Food Sale '54; Senior Food Sale Committee '54; Senior Class Play '54; Gregg Shorthand Award '53; Magazine Salesmanship Award '54; Magazine Sale Skit '54; Sandwich Sale Committee '54; Driver Training Course '53; Class Night Exercises '54.

"It is tranquil people who accomplish much."



RONALD RICHARD RITTLINGER

"RITT"

General Course; Press Club '51, '52, '53, '54; Glee Club '51, '52, '53; Junior Social Decoration Committee '53; A. A. Representative '54; Magazine Salesmanship Award '54; Class Reporter '53, '54; Trip to New York for Magazine Campaign '54; Food Sale Committee '54; Class Motto Committee '54; Curtain Committee, Class Play '54; Sound Effects, Class Play '54; Class Night Exercises '54.

"To a young heart everything is fun."



MARIANGELA THERESA SIMONETTA

"MARY"

Commercial Course; Chairman, Refreshment Committee for Junior Social '53; Budget Committee '54; Sandwich Sale Committee '54; Election Day Food Sale Committee '54; Senior Class Food Sale '54; Intramural Basketball '51; Secretary-Treasurer of Wilohi '54; Parade of Youth Correspondent '54; Class Play '54; Associate Editor of Herald '52, '53; Co-Editor-in-Chief of Herald '54; Glee Club '51, '52; Chorus Group '54; Christmas Assembly '54; Driver Training Course '54; Typing Certificate '53; Shorthand Certificate '53; Magazine Salesmanship Award '54; DAR Award '54; Second Prize VFW Essay; Class Night Exercises '54; Co-Valedictorian.

"Integrity of life is fame's best friend."



MURIEL ANN STEWART

"STEWY"

General Course; Girls' Sport Club '51; Junior Prom Queen '52; Glee Club '53; Gift Committee for Junior Social '53; Refreshment Committee for Junior Social '53; Class Editor '53; A. A. Representative '54; Senior Class Play '54; Ticket Committee, Class Play '54; Election Day Food Sale Committee '54; Senior Class Food Sale, Chairman '54; Magazine Salesmanship Award '54; Press Club '54; Pep Squad '54; Class Night Exercises '54.

"A cheerful face is nearly as good for an invalid as healthy weather."

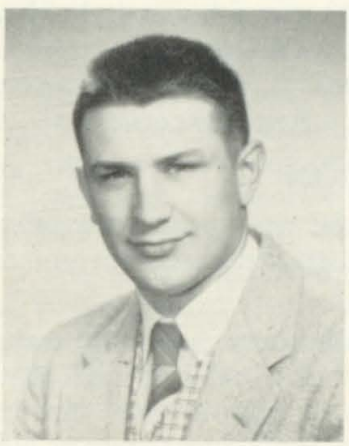


JOAN ANN THERRIEN

"JOAN"

Commercial Course; Glee Club '51, '52, '53, '54; Athletic Association Representative '51; Class Treasurer '52; Class Secretary '53; Shorthand Award '53; Typing Award '53; Refreshment Committee for Junior Prom '53; Christmas Card Committee '54; Annual Cake Sale '54; Class Play '54; Election Day Food Sale Committee '54; School Christmas Caroling '54; Christmas Assembly '54; Thanksgiving Assembly '54; Driving Training Course '54; Pep Squad '54; Magazine Sale '54; Class Night Exercises '54; Sandwich Sale '54; Third Honor Essay.

"Friendship and sincerity are the wine of life."



KENNETH RONALD WALTERS

"GEEK"

General Course; Vice-President '51; Basketball '51, '52; Baseball '51, '52, '53, '54; Boys' Chorus '51, '52, '53, '54; Band '53, '54; Herald Business Board '53; Junior Prom Committee '54; Usher, Senior Class Play '54; Class Night Exercises '54.

"Silence is more eloquent than words."



MIRIAM ANN WARNER

"MIMI"

General Course; A. A. Representative '52; Intra-Mural Basketball '52; Election Day Food Sale '54; Sandwich Sale Committee '54; Make-up Committee, Class Play '54; Properties, Class Play '54; Candy Committee, Class Play '54; Glee Club '54; Magazine Salesmanship Award '54; Magazine Sale Skit '54; Class Night Exercises '54.

"A sip is the most that mortals are permitted from any goblet of delight."

EDITORIAL

THE MEMORABLE YEAR

Nineteen hundred and fifty-four is a big year for Windsor Locks. On May 29, 30 and 31 there will be a gala celebration for the one hundredth anniversary of our town. Not too long after these festivities, there will be another celebration by a certain group of students whom we know as the Class of '54.

We recall that Windsor Locks in 1854 separated itself from Windsor and struck out alone to become the industrial center that it is today. In like manner we hope this graduating class will do as well as the town in growing and developing into citizens worthy of praise.

It took 100 years for Windsor Locks to develop into what it is today and it was largely brought about by the united efforts of the townspeople. Thus each member of this graduating class is going to try to succeed in the vocation he has chosen. It will not take 100 years or 50 years or even 25 years for them to put their stamp on life. It will take only as long as is needed for them to make a place for themselves in business or in their chosen careers so that they can begin to elevate themselves to the highest possible level. When this is accomplished, the members of this class will celebrate their own achievements and their success, not as a group but as individuals. The class of 1954 is made up of young men and women of intelligence, character and the will to win, and we all wish them the best of luck and success in the years to come.

ANN RACCONE '55

YOUR HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

This is our centennial year and looking back through the past years it is difficult to grasp the tremendous progress that has been made in industry, business, government, transportation, and particularly in education.

Specialization in industry has demanded more educated and specially trained workers. From the study of reading, writing and arithmetic, school courses have grown to include advanced sciences and mechanical drawing even in high school. In fact, is has become necessary to have a high school diploma when applying for most jobs.

Years ago the completion of grammar school was considered sufficient and a lucky few finished high school, but because it was difficult to finance college, advanced education was merely a dream to many a worthy student.

Today improved methods of education, transportation, and consolidated schools have made a high school education available to all. It is wonderful to receive this high school diploma "hard earned, you think," but just what it will mean to you is entirely up to you. If you feel proud of your accomplishment and stop there, it will mean nothing more than a picture to frame and hang on the wall. But it can mean anything you determine. It may prove to be a window from which you look out on life and realize how little you really know. This realization is the beginning of true knowledge. Getting your diploma may be compared to a baby's learning to walk, an accomplishment to be proud of but only the beginning.

Education is a most important part of everyone's life. It makes better harmony among men. It is true that an enducated country is a stronger one.

By education we do not mean merely well-versed people, but people who have benefited from the past and learned to think for themselves and base their opinions on knowledge they already have acquired and learned to apply. The value of book learning is lost when we fail to understand how to apply it and get full benefit from it in everyday life.

JUDY PARMELEE '56

THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF WINDSOR LOCKS

Some of the early settlers of Windsor came up to Pine Meadow to cultivate the land just thirty years after the Plymouth settlement there. The first settler in Windsor Locks was Harry Denslow, who built a house and brought his family to the higher end of Pine Meadow. In 1665, Elizabeth Denslow, Harry's daughter, was the first white child born in Windsor Locks. The next settler was Nathaniel Gaylord, who came here to live in 1678. Following Gaylord, Abraham Diddle brought his family to settle here in 1708.

A few years later, in 1757, there were only five houses here, but nineteen years later there were nine families. In the summer of 1776, the head of each of the nine families comprising the population of Pine Meadow, with a single exception, were in the Army at New York. The village was made up of scattered farms and down to 1788, there were no public roads east of Center Street.

The canal around Enfield Falls was completed in 1829. The digging of the canal was done by Irishmen who came here for that purpose. Because of this, the year 1854 was an important year for the town of Pine Meadow. This was the year the town was incorporated and its name changed to Windsor Locks, combining the name of Windsor with the canal improvements completed a few years back.

The suspension bridge was built, in 1866, by a private corporation known as the Windsor Locks and Warehouse Point Bridge and Ferry Company. This bridge replaced the old ferry that used to transport people and products across the river to Warehouse Point. It had been in operation since 1783. While it was owned by a private corporation, it was a toll bridge. When it was purchased by the State in 1908, it was made free. The freeing of the bridge was made an occasion by the people, and public rejoicing was held by the two neighboring towns.

By 1859, the population of Windsor Locks had grown to 1500. There were six paper mills, two thread mills, one rolling mill, one grist mill, a stockinet manufactory, seven stores, a Congregational church, a Catholic Church, and a Methodist church.

Among the growing industries of the town were the J. R. Montgomery Company, established in 1871 for the purpose of manufacturing Cotton Warps which were used in Union cassimeres. The firm stands as a pioneer in this branch of textile industry in this country. In 1896, this company was the first in this country to place on the market an entirely new product, Mercerized Cotton Yarn. Other companies were the George P. Clark Company, originated by George P. Clark, who in 1870, invented a rubber roll for wool scouring, which he placed on the market. C. H. Dexter and Sons was started by Charles H. Dexter in 1836. This is the oldest industry in the town and is today operated by the fifth generation. The Medlicott Company was started in 1863, by W. G. Medlicott. This company manufactured all kinds of woolen underwear. In 1948, the Medlicott Company discontinued operations, but it was taken over

by the La Pointe Plascamold for a time. Next, there is the company of E. Horton and Sons. This was started by Eli Horton, who was the inventor of the Chuck which bears his name. This Horton Chuck, which has become universally known, was placed on the market in 1855. Later on, in 1881, the Windsor Locks Machine Company was started by E. E. Latham, Edwin Upton and George Glover.

Saint Mary's Church was started in 1827. This was the first time that a priest, in response to a request of one of the very small number of Catholics here at the time, travelled all the way from New York for the purpose of making a sick call. Services were continued here until the coming of the first resident pastor, Reverend James Smythe, in June 1852. The corner stone of the Church was laid September 14, of the same year, and on Christmas day the church was occupied for the first time. The rectory, which stands adjoining the church, was built in 1879. Saint Mary's School, standing on Grove Street, was completed in 1889.

It is interesting to note that many years ago, when a person passed away, he was carried on a bier on men's shoulders. The carriers formed a procession and from time to time changes were made by the men to relieve them from the weight of the bier. A man's total funeral expenses in 1804, were less than six dollars. It was said that once, a man charged one of his neighbors for the use of his horse and wagon to attend a funeral, as there was never an undertaker seen at funerals.

A fine granite building is located at the south end of the town. This is the Memorial Hall which was donated, in 1891, by Charles E. Chaffee. Just south of the main entrance and in front of the building is a polished marble slab with this inscription in gold letters: "Soldiers' Memorial Hall, built by Charles E. Chaffee, and presented by him to J. H. Converse Post, No. 67, G. A. R. in memory of those who went from Windsor Locks and lost their lives in the service of our Country in the late Civil War." It is here that the different organizations meet and hold socials, today.

The opening of the Twentieth Century brought peace to the people of the town, although during World War I and World War II, many of the local young men fought and some gave their lives for their country.

During World War II, the United States Army set up a military base on some property at the north end of the town. This base was the headquarters for many soldiers. Later it was changed to a commercial flying field. Hence, Bradley Field has made Windsor Locks an important place in air travel.

Today, the town has many places where its young people can get together for recreation. It has a public park, where recently a huge swimming pool has been constructed. During the hot summer months the pool is a gathering place for youngsters and oldsters, as well.

This year will mark the one hundredth year of the incorporation of Windsor Locks. There will be dances, contests, floats from the various organizations, and different contests to celebrate this event. June 1, 1954, will mark the beginning of another 100 years of history for the town of Windsor Locks. In the years to come, we hope this town will advance as rapidly in industry and in the opportunities offered its citizens as it has in the past.

MARALYN CIPARELLI '55

SENIOR CLASS NEWS

President ROBERT KELSEY
Vice-President STEPHEN KUCHARSKI
Secretary JANET GRABIEC
Treasurer JUDITH MORIN

On September 22, the Senior Class held their first meeting to select members for the Budget Committee. Competition was keen, but three were finally chosen. They were Mary Simonetta, Joan Balletti, and Ronald Christian. William Booth, Delores Fontaine, Maureen Flanders, and Muriel Stewart were also chosen as representatives for the Athletic Association.

Now the seniors were preparing for their all-important magazine sale. They knew they would have to work especially hard to break last year's sales record. James Pesci and Judith Morin were elected to captain the two teams.

Finally, the total figures for the sale were added, and we discovered we had broken last year's record of sales by almost fifty dollars. Our profit for the sale was $1,089.35 out of a total of $3,250.20. The top salesmen were Maureen Flanders, Robert Kelsey, and Ann Fisher.

On October 28, the losing team held a party for the winning team, the faculty, and the Juniors. Entertainment included movies, a skit, refreshments, and dancing.

At another meeting, students were chosen to serve on the Election Day Luncheon. The class voted to have the same members for this committee that served on the Sandwich Sale Committee.

In order to increase the treasury, a Card Committee was started. Serving on this committee were Delores Fontaine, Lynn Gondek and Joan Therrien.

The Sandwich Sale Committee brought in a good profit throughout the year. Under the supervision of their chairman, Ann Fisher, the students took turns each week, bringing something that could be sold to the other students at recess.

A Food Sale was held in the Town Clerk's Office on February 27. It proved a success and added $92.50 to the treasury.

Mary Simonetta was given the DAR Award. This award is presented to a senior girl for being outstanding in dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

The next big project was their class play. A committee was chosen to solicit advertisements for the class play program. Members on this committee were Robert Kelsey, Nelson Perry, Maureen Flanders, Ann Fisher, and Judith Morin. A Ticket Committee was also chosen. Janet Grabiec, Joan Balletti, Lynn Gondek, Muriel Stewart, Maureen Flanders, Robert Kelsey, and Nelson Perry were selected.

On April 23, the Senior Class Play, "I'm A Family Crisis", was presented to further our dreams of Washington. The senior class wishes to thank Mr. Luke, Mr. Teller, Mr. Corcoran and Miss Smith for helping to make the play the success it was.

Next, the class chose a Motto Committee. Serving on this committee were Ann Fisher, Maureen Flanders, Judith Morin, Ronald Christian, and Ronald Rittlinger. This committee chose four mottoes they thought were appropriate, and presented them to the other members of the class to vote upon. Their choice was "Our Aim: Success; Our Hope: to Win"; we also selected White and Gold for our class colors. Last, but certainly not least, came the announcement that our Washington trip was scheduled from May 4 to May 8. Everyone was excited just hearing about the details of the trip. After that, came Class Night and Graduation.

All in all, our last year has been a very happy and prosperous one. We wish to thank those who helped make it possible. Good Luck, Class of '54, and May God Be With You!

JUDY MORIN '54

JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

President THOMAS JOHNSON
Vice-President LOUIS ROSSI
Secretary ANN RACCONE
Treasurer NANCY FULLER

On September 22, 1953, the class voted on their ring. The style chosen was the "Aurora."

On February 15, 1954, a meeting was held to decide on the prom. The following committees and their chairmen were elected as follows: Decorating: Chairman, Nancy Fuller; Refreshment: Chairman, Rena Piaggi; Ticket: Chairman, Ann Raccone; Orchestra: Chairman, Louis Rossi; Publicity: Chairman, Robert Salvato; Gift: Chairman, Doris Lanati; Clean-up: Chairman, Thomas Johnson, Assistants, Peter Carniglia and Kenneth Walters.

The decoration committee decided the prom was to be called "Evening in Paris." This was agreeable to the class.

The prom was held on May 14, 1954. Ronald Pomeroy was host and Ann Raccone was hostess.

On April 2, 1954, a meeting was held to elect an editor for the Herald. Jane Ann Downes was chosen.

JANE ANN DOWNES '55

SOPHOMORE CLASS NEWS

President JAMES WAWRUCK
Vice-President JOSEPH RACCONE
Secretary ELEANOR BARBIERI
Treasurer MAUREEN PROCOPIO

The first meeting of the Sophomore Class was an organizational meeting. The above officers were elected. During this meeting dues were set at twenty-five cents a week.

The second meeting was in October. At this meeting it was decided that a dance was to be held January 29, to raise money for the treasury. The dance was a financial success and moved us ahead another mile toward Washington.

In a later meeting it was decided that in order to raise money for the treasury, a fine would be levied on those who were absent from meetings.

On March 16, the class voted for Arthur Pfeiffer as Class Editor and Judy Parmelee was appointed Associate Editor for the Herald.

ARTHUR PFEIFFER '56

FRESHMAN CLASS NEWS

President MOYRA MCGLADRIGGAN
Vice-President WILLIAM MARCONI
Secretary DOROTHY GILLIGAN
Treasurer JAMES WHITTEN

There are 52 members enrolled in this year's Freshman Class.

It was decided to charge a dollar each month for dues.

An entertainment committee was elected at the second class meeting on October 20, 1953. This committee worked in planning a Freshman Dance which was held on November 14.

Russell Jubrey was elected as the class athletic representative and Mary Corrow as class editor.

MARY CORROW '57

SCHOOL NEWS

In September 1953, registration at Windsor Locks High School totaled 164 students. The Senior Class numbered 23 students; Junior Class, 44 students; Sophomore Class, 45 students; and the Freshman Class, 52 Students.

The Windsor Locks School Band has come a long way in the short time it has been organized. They certainly proved their talents during an assembly held April 28.

The Senior Class gained an enviable profit from the magazine sale which broke the record held by the Class of '53.

October brought about the organization of the Press Club. They have done a fine job with the four issues of the Wilohi.

The Freshman Dance was held on February 14 and the Sophomore Dance on January 29. Both affairs were given in order to raise funds for their respective treasuries.

A food sale was held February 27 by the seniors to raise funds for the Washington trip.

A series of assemblies were presented to the student body by the Hartford Symphony Orchestra. They were sponsored by the P.T.A.

The basketball team had a successful season under the skilled coaching of Coach Shapiro. The team had a record of 15 wins and 3 losses. The team lost their first game in the tournaments to Nathan Hale Raye High of Moodus, Connecticut.

"Evening In Paris," was the theme of the Junior Prom. It was held May 14. Congratulations to the Juniors on a wonderful job.

Mr. Dowd conducted a Drivers' Training Course. There are several more safe drivers on the road now as a result.

MAUREEN FLANDERS '54

ATHLETIC NEWS

BASKETBALL

The Windsor Locks boys' varsity completed their '53-'54 court season with a record of 15 wins and 3 losses.

Tom Courtney was top point getter with 345 points for the season followed by Russell Jubrey with 154, Louis Rossi with 104, Art Pfeiffer with 95, Bill Booth with 70, and Tom Johnson with 62.

As a result of the fine work our boys did, we secured second place in the Central Connecticut Valley C Conference. With our 15-3 record we were able to enter the State Class C Tournaments, held at the University of Connecticut in Storrs. In our first tournament game we were up-set by Nathan Hale-Ray by a score of 44-43.

At this time, we, the students of Windsor Locks High School, wish to thank all of the supporters and merchants for making this basketball season one of the best in many years.

Even though three varsity members will be leaving via graduation, Coach Shapiro is confident that with the remaining veterans and the Junior High School stars coming in, Windsor Locks will have a top team next year.

Scores of Boys' Games

	Won	*Lost*
East Hampton	40–36	
Portland		67–42
Westfield Trade	57–47	
Bacon Academy	38–36	
Bloomfield	42–39	
Westfield Trade	52–39	
Suffield	78–47	
Canton	68–52	
Berlin	65–47	
East Hampton		56–40
Portland		53–38
Bacon Academy	40–37	
Bloomfield	41–38	
Suffield	65–57	
Canton	63–41	
Berlin	61–50	

BASEBALL

Coach Shapiro called the first baseball practice on March 22. About 22 players appeared at practice, trying for different positions. Only two players are missing from last year's line-up—Billy Corbin, and Lenny Kulas.

Bill Booth will start on the mound with Ken Walters doing the catching. We expect to have a very successful season with the fine co-operation received by the members of the club.

Schedule for 1954 Baseball Season

Date	*Opponent*	*Location*
Mon., May 3	Berlin	Windsor Locks
Thur., May 6	Canton	Canton
Thur., May 13	Bloomfield	Windsor Locks
Mon., May 17	East Hampton	Windsor Locks
Thur., May 20	Portland	Portland
Mon., May 24	Suffield	Windsor Locks
Thur., May 27	Bacon Academy	Bacon Academy

Bill Booth '54

WHO'S WHO

CHARACTERISTIC

Bill Booth	most	athletic	Judy Morin
Stephen Kucharski	most	quiet	Joyce Quagliaroli
Ronald Rittlinger	most	mischievous	Delores Fontaine
Johnny Gilligan	most	reserved	Mary Simonetta
Robert Kelsey	most	businesslike	Maureen Flanders
Nelson Perry	most	ambitious	Janet Grabiec
Robert Minch	most	happy-go-lucky	Lynn Gondek
Muriel Stewart	most	in love	Joan Therrien
Kenneth Walters	most	serious	Barbara Boutwell
James Pesci	class	dreamer	Miriam Warner
Ronald Rittlinger	most	talkative	Joan Balletti
Ronald Christian	most	co-operative	Ann Fisher

EVERY PERFECT SENIOR BOY SHOULD HAVE:

William Booth's Good looks
Ronald Christian's Shyness
John Gilligan's Deep voice
Robert Kelsey's Ability in math
Stephen Kucharski's Musical talent
Robert Minch's Personality
Nelson Perry's Oldsmobile
James Pesci's Curley hair
Ronald Rittlinger's Gift of gab
Kenneth Walter's Knowledge in sports

EVERY SENIOR GIRL SHOULD HAVE:

Joan Balletti's Talkativeness
Barbara Boutwell's Cuteness
Ann Fisher's Sense of humor
Maureen Flander's Shining hair
Delores Fontaine's Pretty eyes
Lynn Gondek's Neatness
Janet Grabiec's Friendly smile
Judith Morin's Impish ways
Joyce Quagliaroli's Petiteness
Mary Simonetta's Studiousness
Muriel Stewart's Domesticity
Joan Therrien's Bashfulness
Miriam Warner's Even temper

Graduation Night Program

LOOK TO COURAGE

Graduates the world over are now preparing themselves for the future and for the long, hard road ahead. They will need something to guide them, for they cannot find the way themselves. That guide shall be courage.

There are many different kinds of courage, yet physical courage, which we think of so often, is far from being the most important. There is a quiet courage, never spectacular, never held up in admiration, that enables one to continue, day after day, in a situation that may be deadening to the senses, but that still must be done—to continue without complaining, without self-pity, and without assuming an air of patient martyrdom—that is real courage. That is our task.

In the excitement of battle or the stress of great emergency, it is easy to be brave, for as Shakespeare once said, "Courage comes and mounteth with occasion." Our occasion is here now, and we must build up our courage to face the world ahead of us now.

Some people are so constituted that they have no fear, for they do not recognize danger. They are not particularly brave; they merely lack fear. He is brave who is tormented by fear, knows his danger and still does what lies before him. We need the will and the power to do what lies before us now.

It takes courage to be in the minority, to champion an unpopular or apparently hopeless cause. But it also takes courage to hold fast to what you believe to be right, against the opposition of the majority and the pressure of circumstances. It takes courage to lose gracefully and to start again at the beginning, undismayed by defeat and to be successful without becoming arrogant and self-satisfied.

The gleam of courage should illuminate our path of duty and give to us an unfaltering will that acknowledges no defeat and wearies at no labor. We need courage to stand or fall by our convictions, to uphold the right as we see it, and to refuse to compromise for the sake of expediency.

Be mindful of practicing courage. Get a clear picture of what we have at stake. Recognize your freedoms, and use your faith and courage to help build a stronger nation.

We are future builders in this great land of ours and it is our duty as well as our privilege to see to it that our laws are enforced and carried out. We must face the threat of communism and stamp it down.

Whatever be your goal, look to courage. With it you will learn to face the many hardships and dangers that lie ahead. We must work and work hard, and we must have the strength and the vision to tackle these problems and overcome them.

With this in mind, classmates, I shall close. I hope you, too, will look to courage as you go through life. I wish you all the success and happiness that life holds, and may God bless you all.

JANET GRABIEC, Co-Valedictorian

SCIENCE CREATES PROBLEMS

With scientists today experimenting and exploring into the nuclear fields, this new generation will have a great many new inventions and modern appliances to use. Our present day appliances are vastly improved over those of the past, but these modern appliances can be good and bad for us. Besides making life easier and more pleasant, they bring forth many problems which the graduates of today will have to face and try to solve.

Television, for example, is one of these modern inventions that has a great many good and bad points. In fact television is an excellent means of education, entertainment and relaxation. Worthwhile information is brought to you right in your own homes through television. It also gives warnings of approaching dangers, gives both sides of political views, and keeps you up to date on what is happening in your own state, nation and the world. Television also tends to keep the family together, lessen the cost of entertainment, and keep children off the streets at night.

Television's undesirable influences, on the other hand, are as numerous as its good points. It keeps people from reading, causes others to stay up late, keeps students from doing their homework, and it can be very injurious to the eyes, if one watches it continuously. One of the worst points about television is that it causes people to become lazy. They put off doing tasks that could be done right away, with the excuse that a good program is on and they have to watch it.

Another problem that this generation has to cope with is atomic energy. This is one of the big issues of today and it also has its good as well as its evil side. Scientists are trying to use atomic energy to generate electricity, extract new elements from the earth, and make new compounds. Medical Science sees atomic energy used as the possible determinant in the cure of cancer. But atomic energy also can be a means of great destruction to the human race, if there should ever be another world war.

Past generations have done much to improve the living conditions of people today. With the increasing number of experimental laboratories and educational facilities, members of this generation will contribute much more to the welfare of people, but only the future knows what is in store for us.

ROBERT KELSEY '54

THE TOMORROWS

Windsor Locks recently celebrated its one-hundredth anniversary. It is not so important what happened fifty or even one-hundred years ago, but what tomorrow holds in store for us is important.

Now let us look ahead in the years and see what important changes in education will take place in Windsor Locks. We know that Windsor Locks will soon build a new high school. This will enable future graduates to choose from a more extensive curriculum, such additional courses as varied music courses, arts and crafts, driving training classes, industrial arts, and more variety in home-making subjects.

The population of Windsor Locks has been increasing rapidly, since new factories have moved to Windsor Locks and to the surrounding areas. A new elementary school is being built now, but we wonder how long it will provide adequate rooms for the instruction of the children from all these new families coming into Windsor Locks.

I am sure that you are all aware of the problem that schools are overcrowded everywhere. We should feel that it is our duty to give generously to the building of schools, especially those in our communities whenever they are needed, for the education of our youth is one of the biggest forces to combat the evils of today.

We cannot expect to carry out our class motto, "Our Aim: Success; Our Hope: to Win," if we are not willing to co-operate and to do our share to promote improvement in the various fields where our help is needed. In order to be successful and win in life, we must have a thorough understanding of world situations and a will to step forth when we know we are needed and help to promote better living conditions.

What does the future hold for us? Many of our futures are definite. Some of us will go to college, business schools, or enter the service. But for those of us who do not have definite plans, the time has now come to make the important decision.

Certainly all the members of the graduating class, and those of former graduating classes, realize the importance of an education. They realize that an education is not merely a matter of receiving a diploma, but is significant because that diploma is a symbol that we have increased our knowledge and are now ready to begin a new life in the business of the world.

As we, of the graduating class of 1954, look back to records of Windsor Locks fifty or even one-hundred years ago, we realize that our town has prospered in many ways. We look to the future for even greater improvements. In the horizon we see the end of war, crime, and the use of terrible explosives, such as the H Bomb. We see a nation united and all folks working together.

We, living in America, often take too much for granted. We accept our liberty and freedom as a matter of course. But take Russia and her satellite countries, for example. They have no tomorrow to look forward to. They have little choice in their education, their occupations, or their plans for life. The State makes all the decisions. If they refuse to believe in God, they are sometimes punished severely. But we, living in America, may choose our own future and think and believe what we wish.

Thus during our school days we are preparing ourselves to think and be better able to make the many decisions which must be made by free men. Willmott has said, "Education is the apprenticeship of life." How true this statement is! We have finished our period as apprentices, classmates, and Life, the master workman, is calling us to take our places among the workers of tomorrow.

JOAN THERRIEN '54

EDUCATION, THE FRAMEWORK OF CITIZENSHIP

Our completion of the four years of high school commemorates twelve years of education. Now the time has come for us to step into our chosen places as citizens of our community, our state, and our country.

How far shall we succeed in being really good citizens? First of all, we must understand the meaning of citizenship. The Constitution, in defining citizenship, says nothing about age or right to vote. In fact, a person does not have to be twenty-one years of age to be a citizen. No, an individual is an American citizen as soon as he is born or naturalized. The way of life he chooses is citizenship. He gains the understanding and qualities of good citizenship by guidance from his home and school. He exercises citizenship by being loyal to his government, intelligent in his knowledge about the functions of the government and by being active in community affairs.

Citizenship, like a building, is constructed on a foundation, and that foundation is the home or the environment. Furthermore, it must be so strong that citizenship may develop into loyalty, patriotism, courage and intelligence without being shattered under the blows of untruths and propaganda about one's government, one's country or one's home. Our first lessons in citizenship are taught in the home, where we learn respect for authority; that is, to obey parents and abide by laws. The home also prepares us for later responsibilities by giving us an all-round training in physical, moral, intellectual and material duties and interests. If these interests are neglected, our highest hopes of good citizenship are impaired.

Just as the home is the foundation for citizenship, education is the framework which includes the ideas, principles, and factors that bind the structure of citizenship into a formidable barrier through which untruth, ignorance, and dishonesty cannot pierce.

In school, a person is taught at an early age to share with others, to tell the truth, to pledge allegiance to the flag and to pray with schoolmates. As the person grows older, he participates in various school activities. He may become president or vice-president of a club or of his class. Education, therefore, helps to develop sound leadership, which is a basic principle of citizenship. Co-operation, responsibility, and courtesy are other lessons taught through the school activities and necessary to an individual who possesses citizenship.

Each of us succeeds in being a good citizen when we realize the duties and responsibilities of citizenship as well as the rights and privileges it gives to us. On the other hand, each of us is personally held liable to make an effort to gain information that will influence our ability to think wisely about the problems of our day and to do our share in maintaining our country's strength and prestige.

As President Eisenhower once said, "The American Republic was born to assure you the dignity and rights of a human individual. If the dignity and rights of your fellow men guide your daily conduct of life, you will be a good American."

And so, may you and I, the class of 1954, heed this advice of our leader today, and as we go through life, may we become worthy of the education afforded in these four years by being truly outstanding citizens of our community and of our country.

MARY SIMONETTA '54, Co-Valedictorian

CLASS SONG

(To the tune of "Secret Love")

All the good times and the bad,
We'll not forget the fun we had,
Now to friends and teachers too,
We're here to bid farewell to you.

As freshmen we had lots to learn,
As sophomores waited for our turn,
Then upper-classmen we became,
And on to seniors and to fame.

Chorus

All the memories of each happy year,
To our hearts will be forever dear,
At last this class of fifty-four,
On high-school life must finally close the door.

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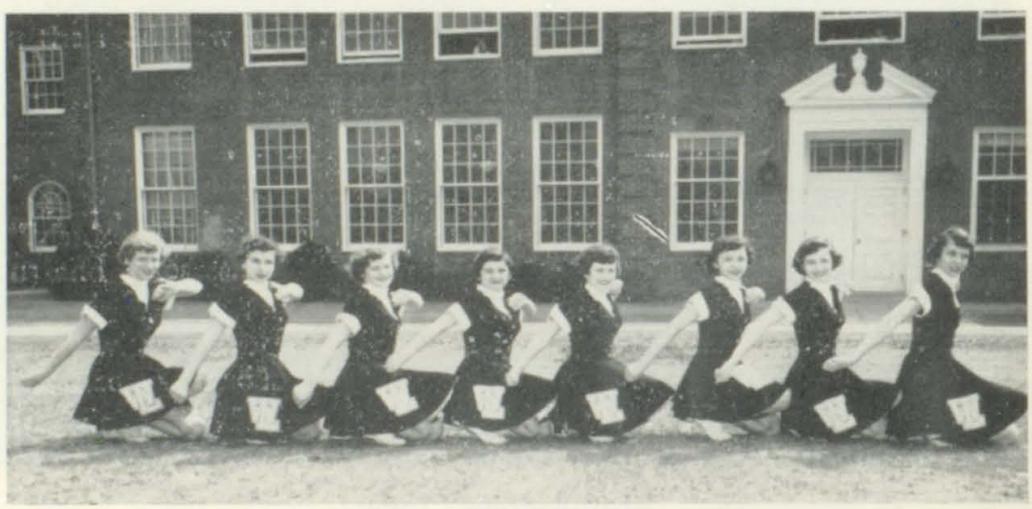
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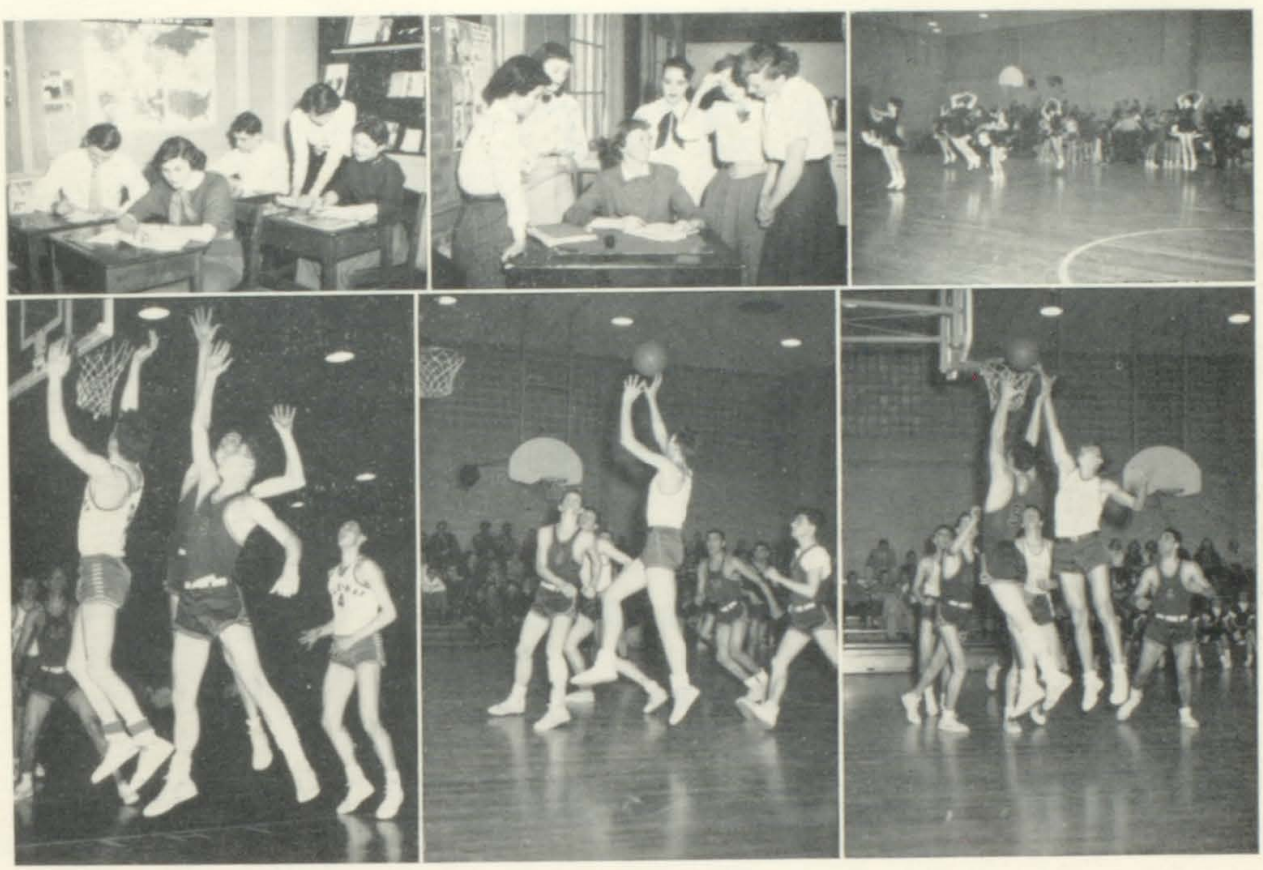
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